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SUBJECT: UNRWA ADVISORY COMMISSION AND PLO

FORSISCO AND ATHERTON FROM BUFFUM AND SOBER

1. SPECIAL MEETING OF UNRWA ADVISORY COMMISSION (ADCOM) HAS BEEN CALLED FOR MARCH 21 IN BEIRUT TO DISCUSS UNRWA'S FINANCIAL PLIGHT. EMBASSY BEIRUT HAS BEEN AWARE FOR SOME TIME THAT ISSUE OF PLO ATTENDANCE AT NEXT ADCOM MEETING COULD ARISE. DEPT HAS INSTRUCTED EMBASSY TO DETERMINE WHETHER PLO ISSUE LIKELY TO ARISE IN MARCH 21 MEETING AND, IF SO, TO WORK HARD TO AVERT IT. EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION YET THAT PLO ITSELF OR ARAB ADCOM MEMBERS PLAN TO

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RAISE ISSUE OF PLO ATTENDANCE. IT IS POSSIBLE HOWEVER THAT

ISSUE MIGHT ARISE EITHER IN SPITE OF EMBASSY'S EFFORTS OR UNEXPECTEDLY DURING MEETING ITSELF. WE FEEL THAT YET ANOTHER PLO APPEARANCE IN A UN BODY AT THISTIME COULD COMPLICATE THE SECRETARY'S EFFORTS. THEREFORE, FOLLOWING IN PARA 3 FOR YOUR CONCURRENCE ARE OUR PROPOSED INSTRUCTIONS TO EMBASSY FOR THESE EVENTUALITIES.

2. ADCOM IS UNGA-CREATED COMMITTEE OF LIMITED MEMBERSHIP (US, UK, JAPAN, FRANCE, TURKEY, BELGIUM, LEBANON, SYRIA, EGYPT AND JORDAN) WHICH HAS NO EXECUTIVE POWER AND ONLY ISSUES NON-BINDING ADVISORY OPINIONS TO UNRWA COMGEN. NORMALLY THE US IS REPRESENTED AT SECOND SECRETARY LEVEL AND AT COMING MEETING WILL BE REPRESENTED AT WORKING LEVEL.

3. PROPOSED INSTRUCTIONS:

A. IF IT IS KNOWN IN ADVANCE THAT A RESOLUTION LIKELY TO LEAD TO PLO PARTICIPATION AT THIS MEETING MAY ARISE, IN SPITE OF ALL EFFORTS TO PREVENT IT, US ADCOM MEMBER SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEND MEETING. NO FORMAL EXPLANATION OF THIS ACTION SHOULD BE GIVEN.

B. IF RESOLUTION INVITING PLO PARTICIPATION IN ADCOM IN ANY FORM IS PROPOSED DURING ADCOM MEETING WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE, MOVE FOR ADJOURNMENT SHOULD BE MADE BY FRIENDLY ADCOM MEMBER, AND BY US MEMBER IF NOT, TO ALLOW FOR CONSULTATIONS AND TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS. FRIENDLY AD COM MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY FRENCH CHAIRMAN, SHOULD BE INFORMED THIS WILL BE OUR POSITION AND SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT IT, WHICH SHOULD PRODUCE A MAJORITY. IF MEETING RECONVENES BEFORE US MEMBER CAN OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS HE SHOULD NOT GO BACK TO MEETING.

C. IF RESOLUTION IS UNEXPECTEDLY PASSED THAT PROVIDES FOR IMMEDIATE PLO ATTENDANCE AT MEETING IN ANY FORM, DESPITE US OBJECTIONS, US REPRESENTATIVE TO ADCOM SHOULD REMAIN IN SEAT BUT NOT PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN MEETING IN ANY WAY, EITHER BY SPEAKING OR VOTING. US REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD EXPLAIN PRIVATELY THAT THE UNTIMELINESS OF ADCOM'S ALLOWING PLO PARTICIPATION AT THIS MEETING PRECLUDED US PARTI-  
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CIPATION IN ITS FURTHER DELIBERATIONS.

4. WE FEEL FOREGOING SHOULD COVER MOST LIKELY EVENTUALITIES BUT SENSITIVITIES IN THE AREA, WHICH YOU ARE IN BEST POSITION TO JUDGE, MIGHT REQUIRE THAT US REP NOT REMAIN IN MEETING WITH PLO REP IF SCENARIO IN PARA 3.C BECOMES REALITY. WE CONSIDERED PROS AND CONS OF A WALK-OUT AND DECIDED AGAINST IT ON GROUNDS WE HAVE IN PAST IN NEW YORK

SAT IN SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE WHILE PLO REP  
ADDRESSED UNRWA ISSUES. WE DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE A FIELD  
WHERE PERHAPS WORSE ACTIONS MIGHT BE TAKEN IN OUR ABSENCE,  
AND WE DO NOT WANT TO SET PRECEDENT WHICH MIGHT HAUNT US  
OF LEAVING A FORUM JUST BECAUSE PLO REP INVOLVED.

5. DUE TIME PRESSURES WE HAVE SENT INFO COPY OF PROPOSED  
INSTRUCTIONS TO EMBASSY BEIRUT WHICH OF COURSE WILL AWAIT  
YOUR CLEARANCE BEFORE ACTION ON THEM. INGERSOLL

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